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SUBJECT: JORDANIAN RESPONSE: CONSOLIDATED APPROPRIATIONS
RESOLUTION FOR FY 2003, H.J. RES. 2, SECTION 585,
TRANSPARENCY AND ACCOUNTABILITY

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11. (U) As per REFTEL, responses to questions addressing government fiscal transparency in Jordan are as follows:

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b-There are no significant subnational levels of government

c-The Jordanian national budget is published in the Royal Gazette, as well as in national newspapers and on the Internet.

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e-Articles 112 and 114 of the Jordanian Constitution, Fiscal Regulation No. 3 (1994), and Budget Law No. 12 (2003) govern public disclosure of revenues and expenditures in the budget.

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i-The General Audit Bureau, which reports directly to the Prime Minister, provides reports for Parliament and the public on the financial integrity of government accounts.

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m-The Jordanian government is firmly committed to fiscal transparency and accountability and has instituted new controls and procedures as part of economic reform. In addition to developing audit standards and guidelines, the Audit Bureau has instituted computerized financial and auditing systems and adopted a strategic training plan to maintain staff competence and awareness of auditing and accounting issues and innovations. The Economic Consultative Council and the Public Reform Task Force monitor transparency and public sector finance management. The Department of Statistics coordinates the collection and communication of fiscal data between ministries and other government agencies and is responsible for ensuring its accuracy.

n-Given the commitment to fiscal transparency mentioned above on the part of the Government of Jordan, there are no current USG sponsored programs and activities that promote accurate disclosure of revenues and expenditures.

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